REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are amended and claims 13-20 are added. No new matter is added. Support for the Amendments is found at, for example, page 6, lines 14-24, page 7, line 10 to page 8, line 10, page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 10 and Fig. 3. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiners Topgyal and Chevalier for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the February 13 personal interview. Applicants' summary of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The title of the invention is objected to for not being descriptive. Applicants amend the title to address the Examiner's concerns. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0288113 (Saunders) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,690,878 (Jeong).

The Office Action admits that Saunders fails to teach a preprocessing unit that extracts static image from the video data and that Jeong cures this deficiency of Saunders.

Jeong discloses that a specific image is periodically captured from an input video signal consisting of a sequence of specific images (col. 2, lines 60-62). This is taught to be by capturing still images from the encoded video data at predetermined time intervals (col. 3, lines 34 and 35). Thus, still images are periodically captured at predetermined intervals.

Static image data of independent claims 1, 2, and 4-12 as amend is extracted from the video data <u>by an operator operation</u>. This is supported, for example, by Applicants' page 6, line 14 to page 7, line 5. As agreed upon during the interview, Saunders and Jeong, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest that static image data is extracted from the video data by an operator operation, as recited in claims 1, 2 and 4-12.

For at least the above reason, claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are patentable over Saunders and Jeong. Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 3 is patentable over Saunders and Jeong for at least the same reason as claim 1, as well as for the additional features it recites.

For the foregoing reason, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-20 are added. These claims are supported, for example, by Applicants' Fig. 3, page 7, line 10 to page 8, line 10, and page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 10. Saunders and Jeong, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest that reproduction time positions are obtained through matching of keyword input with contents data associated with the image data. Accordingly, claims 13-20 are allowable for their dependence on allowable base claims and for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,
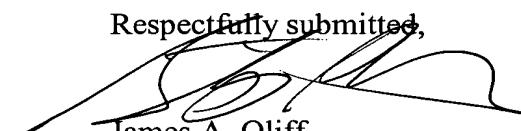
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